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arranged in 1863 by Patrick S. Gilmore, under the pseudonym Louis Lambert.

after the ceremony, Mason Essif volunteered his services for future programs that put on like the Maplewood Ceremony — next year I will ask Mason to be in the program.

The Ceremony was an unqualified success. I thanked, publicly, the following individuals for all that they did to make it a success: John Buterniak, Peter Suchanik, Mason Essif and John Klimkiewicz. I announced that we would have another Ceremony next year.

As soon as the program was over, people started coming at me and telling me how much they enjoyed it and how moving and beautiful it was. I was very pleased to hear their words of praise. I think it was perhaps my greatest personal success in Carbondale. When Nan Loftus was entering the Cemetery I immediately went over and offered her my arm. She was wearing a lovely summer dress and wearing a hat and carrying a parasol. Mary Lou Dearie said — playfully — "well, you didn't offer your arm to me." I replied: "Mary Lou, forgive me, but I can never say no to a lady who ^{is} wearing a hat." We all laughed.

On July 5th, Jean Colvick called me to say that Nan Loftus had called her on 7/4/83 and that she said to Jean: "I'm not going to be around in 5 years to make sure that Robert is elected Mayor."

Jean — make sure, if I'm not around, that Robert is a mayor of this town." How very sweet of Nan. Jean and I talked for about 45 minutes. Nan Loftus was apparently Mayor Monahan's lady for years and years. Nan said to Jean: "Make sure that Robert is Mayor no day. It would please Billy [Monahan] so." Pat Carter heard about the Ceremony ^{from someone in town on the 4th} and called Suchanik and they talked about the Ceremony.